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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

ALFREDO SANCHEZ,

Petitioner,

v.

MICHAEL B. MUKASEY,** Attorney
General,

Respondent.

No. 06-72952

Agency No. A75-709-621

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted December 3, 2007***

Before: GOODWIN, WALLACE, and FISHER, Circuit Judges.

Alfredo Sanchez, a native and citizen of Mexico, petitions for review of the
Board of Immigration Appeals' ("BIA") order dismissing his appeal from the

* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not
precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

** Michael B. Mukasey is substituted for his predecessor, Alberto R.
Gonzales, as Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Fed. R. App. P.
43(c)(2).

*** The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without
oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

Immigration Judge's decision denying his application for cancellation of removal. We have jurisdiction pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We grant the petition for review and remand.

The BIA did not provide a reasoned explanation in its order denying Sanchez's motion to file an untimely brief, so we are unable to meaningfully review the order. *See Garcia Gomez v. Gonzales*, 498 F.3d 1050, 1051 (9th Cir. 2007) (per curiam) (remanding where BIA order denying motion to file untimely brief stated only that reason was insufficient to accept the brief in the exercise of discretion). We remand for the BIA to either articulate its reasons for denying the motion, or consider Sanchez's brief.

We do not reach Sanchez's unexhausted ineffective assistance of counsel claim.

PETITION FOR REVIEW GRANTED; REMANDED.